

1. *Solist: The work is hard and the wages low,*

Koor: leave her, Johnny, leave her!

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Koor: It's time for us to leave her!

Refrein: Leave her, Johnny leave her.

Oh leave her, Johnny, leave her.

For the voy'ge is done and the winds don't blow,

And it's time for us to leave her!

2. *Solist: The rain it rains the whole day long,*

Koor: leave her, Johnny, leave her!

Solist: The North-East-wind is blowing strong!

Koor: It's time for us to leave her!

Refrein:

3. *Solist: It's pump or drown, the old man said,*

Koor: leave her, Johnny, leave her!

Solist: It's pump or drown, the old man said!

Koor: It's time for us to leave her!

Refrein:

4. *Solist: To day I heard the cap-tain say.*

Koor: leave her, Johnny, leave her!

Solist: To-mor-row you shall have your pay!

Koor: It's time for us to leave her!

Refrein:

5. *Solist: Oh, what will us poor shell-backs do?*

Koor: leave her, Johnny, leave her!

Solist: The stomach is emp-ty, the pock-ets too!

Koor: It's time for us to leave her!

Refrein:

6. *Solist: We'll pack our traps and go on shore,*

Koor: leave her, Johnny, leave her!

Solist: We'll pack our traps and go on shore!

Koor: It's time for us to leave her!

Refrein: